



Friday 1st March 2019
WINNERS THIS WEEK

Infants: Leyton for his wonderful handwriting and reading

Upper Junior: Jack Piggott for his maths work

Lower Junior: Lola Cross for her research work both in school and at home

Class 1 The infants are very excited with their new topic entitled 'All around the World'. Already some of the children have made connections with earth and the solar system and places they have visited or been to on holiday. This week we have found where Lowca is on maps and the globe. They have talked about the British Isles and the United Kingdom, and have placed borders on maps separating the countries. Next week, we will be discussing continents and the countries within them. In maths, we are well on our way with column addition.

Class 2 We are now learning about the Victorian age and have been reading about how the monarch's power has changed from Henry VIII to Queen Victoria. We have also been debating how fairly the colonies' wealth was distributed. Next week we will be focussing upon how railways changed Britain and finding out all about the local foundry, that used to make steam trains here in Lowca. In maths we have been investigating different types of quadrilaterals and their properties.

Class 3 The Juniors are enjoying their new topic about Victorians and discovering the inventions that were created during that era. Year 6's are working really hard on their SATS preparations. In Science, we have been studying Newton's laws and magnets!

World Book Day March 7th Next Friday, to celebrate the joy of reading, we will be inviting the pupils to dress up as their favourite book character. Please could they bring a £1 donation to help us buy some more books about the Victorians and a new set of infant atlases. Children will be bringing home a £1 token to put towards buying a book of their own.

Picking up pupils after school I would like to take this opportunity to update parents on the school's policy for dropping off and picking up pupils. Please do not drop off pupils too early as there is nowhere warm and dry for them to shelter. On rainy days we will open the school doors at 8.35 and children can wait in the hall sensibly (not running around). At the end of the school day infants are handed over to their trusted adult at the infant play patio door. As the children get older it is important that pupils develop independence, so Junior pupils can walk home by themselves. They exit the building via the other playground door and when the parent feels the junior child is able to walk home independently they can do this. If walking home independently they should proceed directly home. If a junior child is being picked

up and the grown up is late they should return in to school, via the infant play patio door, on realising their 'picker upper' is not there. If their grown up is on the yard they are very welcome to stay for a little play as long as they are supervised by their grown up. School has arranged for "Happy Hours" to provide the wonderful wrap around service that we were lacking in the past so if you can't pick up at 3.15 due to work commitments please contact them to arrange for supervised care as school no longer provides this service. Thank you for your help in this matter. The policy is to avoid any child being hurt on the yard because another unsupervised child is being mean or reckless without an adult there, to guide their behaviour.

BEAMISH MUSEUM VISIT We are very excited to tell you that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to Beamish on Wednesday 27th March 2019. This will be a full day visit, leaving school at 8.00am and leaving Beamish at 4.00pm to arrive back at school at approximately 6.00pm. The cost will be £7.00 per child. Please supply refreshments from home with enough to cover both lunch and teatime. The bus will be staying all day, so if the weather is to atrocious the children will be brought back earlier. Permission slips and more details will follow later.

SCHOOL UNIFORM IN STOCK. We have a small number of items for sale in school. If you would like to purchase some, please see Mrs Ormerod in the office. Tesco are no longer selling school uniform but our other supplier, Identity, is still with us and is currently updating their web site to fix the issues they had. We are still waiting for notification from Identity of when the website is fully up and running.

Jumpers: age 3-4, 4 of; age 5-6, 4 of; age7-8, 4 of; £7.00 each (full price £8.50)

Cardigans: age 3-4, 2 of; age5-6, 7of; age7-8, 4 of; age 9-10, 4 of; age 11-12, 2 of ; £9.50 each (full price £10.99)

Polo top (embroidered with school logo) age 5-6, 3 of; age 9-10, 4 of; age 11-12, 2 of; £5.50 each (Full price £6.75)

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Tues. 05/03/19 1.00-3.00pm	Water Workshop with Jenny for years 3,4,5 and 6.
Thurs07/03/19 1.15-2.15pm	Judo lesson, week 7 of 10, years 3 and 4
Weds.05/03/19 1.15-2.15pm	Russell Gainford, rugby coaching years 5 and 6
Thurs 07/03/19	World Book Day-see main body of letter for details
Fri.08/03/19 1.00-1.30pm	Juniors swim, week 7 of 10
Mon.11/03/19 1.15-2.15pm	Russell Gainford, rugby coaching years 5 and 6
Thurs.14/03/19 1.15-2.15pm	Judo lesson, week 8 of 10, years 3 and 4
Fri.15/02/19	Juniors swim, week 8 Of 10
Thurs.21/03/19 1.15-2.15pm	Judo lessons, week 9 of 10, years 3 and 4
Fri.22/03/19 1.00-1.30pm	Juniors swim, week 9 of 10
Friday 29/03/19	SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.15pm, BACK IN ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 8.50am

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